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In re Application of: Baer)
Application No. 09/488,976)
Attorney Docket No. STL000014US1/A8486)
Filed: January 21, 2000)
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR)
ADDING USER-PROVIDED CONTENT)
TO A CONTENT OBJECT STORED IN A)
DATA REPOSITORY)
DECISION ON PETITION TO
WITHDRAW HOLDING OF
ABANDONMENT UNDER 37
CFR §1.181(a)

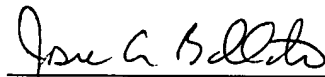
This is a decision on the petition filed August 28, 2003 to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR §1.181(a). The petition is being considered under 37 CFR §1.8 as requesting the acceptance of correspondence as timely filed. The Notice of Abandonment was mailed July 1, 2003.

The practitioner has provided a copy of the originally submitted amendment along with a copy of the post card receipt with a stamped date of February 7, 2003.

A copy of the USPTO stamp on a returned post card serves as *prima facie* evidence of receipt in the USPTO as of the date stamped thereon (see MPEP §503). Therefore, petitioner's evidence establishes that a timely response was, in fact, filed on February 7, 2003. The abandonment was the result of Office error in not matching the response to the application file.

The petition is **GRANTED**. The application was not abandoned, in fact. The Office regrets any inconvenience caused by this error.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center support staff for further processing of the filed amendment and consideration by the examiner of record.


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